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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence
FROM: Assistant Director, Research and Reports
SUBJECT: Evaluation of IDY Information Briefs
REFERENCE: Teletype questionnaire requesting guidance
in preparation of future Briefs, dated 16 April 1958

The evaluation of the IDY Intelligence Briefs provided below conforms to the outline of the questionnaire submitted for the evaluation:

1. Overall evaluation: of value
2. Yes
3. GRN interest is indicated for B1, B2, B3B, B4, B5, B6, B7, B9, B10, B11.
4. Brief 2-B1, 3; 3-B5, 7; 6-B5, 8; 7-B4 A, B; 9B-1; 10-B6; 12-B3, 9; 13-B3, 6, 7; 14-B1, 2, 3, 4, 7; 15-B3, 6, 9, 10; 16-B4, 9.
5. More comprehensive coverage is desired on Arctic and Antarctic information on personalities and ships, their movement, and on equipment.
6. Suggestions for improvement include the elimination of old or duplicate information. For example, the departure of ships for Mirny on 10 January 1958 was reported in FBIS 13 January, and in the Brief on 30 January. Since FDD now publishes a weekly summary of Soviet Bloc IDY activity, the Brief could omit such information and concentrate on additional and confirming information. Moreover, more attention may be directed to evaluation-type comments on Soviet Bloc activities and instrumentation.

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